

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** MAYOR SYLVIA WASHINGTON, PRESIDING

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** KEENAN ADAMS, GLENNIE BENCH, KREGG CLOSE, MARQUITA JOHNSON, ROSLYN PALMER, SYLVIA WASHINGTON, AND DON WHALEY

**CITY STAFF:** CITY MANAGER ROY OLIVER, RANDEE EUBANKS, STEVE O'NEIL, LISA TAYLOR, GABE MENENDEZ, DOYLE WELCH, DWIGHT TOMLIN, CRYSTAL HINES, AMANDA GLOVER, FRANK GREEN, REDELL WALTON, MAITLYN RENTZ, RACHEL TROLINGER, JOHN MILLS, SYLVIA BIVINS, AL KELLEY, JENNIFER CLARY

**GUESTS:** FREDA EDMOND, CYNTHIA EDMOND PATTERSON, WARNER PATTERSON, FRANCINE EDMOND-IDAHOA, LAUREN TURNER, WILHEMINA C MITCHELL, TRACY MOTEN, HIRTES L MOTEN JR, DIANA C WILDEN, CALLAHAN HARRELL, ARRINGTON HARRELL, BRIDGET HARRELL, ELAINE E BUTLER, BLYTHE TRENT, BETTY MILES, LESTER HAYES, SHARON HAYES ALEXANDER AND PATRICIA, CHARLENE WALKER, LATORIA GREEN, DEIDRA GREEN, JANICE TOOTLE, BETTY SOLOMON, CALVIN SOLOMON, JACK PALMER, CASSANDRA JACKSON, CYNTHIA COACHMAN, LARRY L EDWARDS SR, REV DR. B.R. SARGENT, MATTIE VARNER, HORACE TAYLOR, MARNIE JONES, GERALD JONES, MARGENTO, CYTHNIA GREEN, WINNIE TYLER, LOUIS COLMAN, NANCY WRIGHT, LILLIE BROWN, ESTELLA BRYANT, LINDA B LUMPKIN, CONNIE WILLIAMS, DARNELL HOLLEY, REGINA HOLLEY, LEO TORRES, TYNESE BUTLER, LAJUANA SMITH, LISA DASILVA, JUNE FAIRCLOTH, JR ELKINS, BRENDA ROBERTS, BRIDGETTE ROBERT, TERANDY EVANS, DENNIS BRINSON, RICKY TUCKER, SANDRA CALHOUN, TANOTA JOHNSON, DEDRAIL JOHNSON, DIANNA GRANT-BURKE, MAGGIE ADAMS, ROY ADAMS, TED LEE, PAULA POLLOCK, BRUCE KIRBO JR, PAUL PURDY, MARK MILHOLLIN, MARGUERITTE JACKSON, LISA BATTLE JACKSON, VIRGINIA CHATMON, CALETTE ORR, LENORRIS CLARY, GERARD KWILECKI, STEVE BENCH, GAIL SHARBER, SHELBY PHILLIPS, YOLANDA LEWIS, MAINCE GRIFFIN, DARYL HURTT, ALICIA HURTT, ESTELLA LUSCE, PAUL FRYER, AMANDA JACKSON, TIA LEWIS, DIANNE MIDDLETON, SABRINA CALHOUN, JOHNNY MITCHELL, BRYAN DOSS, ANGELICA GRAY, LETICIA AUSTIN, DANA BRYANT, MAX BRYANT, JOHN

MALONE, PAULETTA MALONE, JOEY LASTER, STEVEN BENCH, ZAHIR EL AMIN KOPIN, KELV BANCH, UTRICIA WILLIAMS, CATHERINE CATLEDGE, DEBRA HATTON, BEVERLY HUTCHINSON, PATRICK ANDERSON, MACK YONNY, ELIZABETH WHALEY, KRISTI CHILDS, KEB SWELL, MARK SMITH, JOYCELYN WELLS, SAMUEL ALLEN, DEDRA CLOSE, SADIE BELL, CAROL BELL, ODELL WASHINGTON, KIMBERLY C. HOMER, KIMBERLY BERRY, WIYA HUBBARD, LASHAUN CLOSE

ABSENT:

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

The Regular Session of the Mayor and City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Roslyn Palmer. BPS Chaplain Dwight Tomlin delivered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of December 16, 2025, meeting minutes were considered. A motion was made by Councilman Adams and seconded by Councilwoman Washington. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

### **SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Judge David Kendrick administered the Oath of Office to newly elected officials Sylvia Washington, Glennie Bench, Keenan Adams, and Marquita Johnson.

### **RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS**

Mayor Sylvia Washington recognized visitors and delegations in attendance. During the public comment portion of the meeting, the Mayor and City Council heard remarks from Sabrina Calhoun, Andrew Purdy, Teesha McCay, and Blake Brock.

### **APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM**

City Manager Roy Oliver stated the council would need to appoint the Mayor Pro-Tem for 2026. Mayor Pro-Tem is assigned by rotation based on City Council post number. In the year 2025, Mayor Pro-Tem was held by Councilwoman Roslyn Palmer in post five. We are recommending that the council keep with the normal rotation and appoint Post 6 held by Councilman Don Whaley to Mayor Pro-Tem.

- Post 1 – Glennie Bench
- Post 2 – Marquita Johnson
- Post 3 – Keenan Adams
- Post 4 – Kregg Close
- Post 5 – Roslyn Palmer
- Post 6 – Don Whaley

The appointment was approved with a motion made by Councilwoman Palmer to appoint Councilman Whaley as Mayor Pro-Tem and seconded by Councilwoman Bench and a vote of 5-0.

### **APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT OFFICIALS & CITY ATTORNEY**

Council considered reappointments for municipal court and city attorney positions. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Adams to reappoint Josh Bell as Municipal Court Judge, Benny Harrell as Municipal Court Solicitor, Eric Gay as Municipal Court Public Defender, and Tom Conger as City Attorney. The motion carried by a vote of 5– 0 with Councilwoman Johnson abstaining.

#### **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT – FY25 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Administrative Services Director Lisa Taylor presented the FY25 budget amendments. A motion to adopt the amendments was made by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilman Adams. The motion carried by a vote of 6–0.

#### **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

Council considered adoption of the annual meeting schedule. A motion was made by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Bench. The motion carried by a vote of 6–0.

#### **EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

Mrs. Jennifer Clary with the Administrative Services Department was selected as the Employee of the Quarter and was before the Mayor and City Council this evening to be recognized for this achievement.

#### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – SPLOST 8**

The IGA provides the breakdown with the County and the local municipalities on the SPLOST proceeds which is based off the 2020 Census numbers. The city of Bainbridge will have 43.3% of the total collected or \$18,186,000 for the next 6-year cycle provided the voters pass the tax. The IGA also includes the Categories where the funds are to be allocated. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bench to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement that was seconded by Councilman Adams. The motion carried a vote of 6-0.

#### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF BAINBRIDGE & DECATUR COUNTY**

The city attorney and county attorney have worked on the Intergovernmental Agreement, and the County approved the agreement, and both Development Authorities approved the agreement at their regular meeting. Tom Conger has explained the need for the Agreement as Follows: There are two Industrial Development Authorities. One is a constitutional authority, and one is a statutory authority. They both have the same members. There is no change in what is currently in place, the IGA clarifies the appointing process. The proposed IGA updates the appointment process for the Decatur County–Bainbridge Industrial Development Authority by aligning it with the existing process used by the Development Authority of Bainbridge & Decatur County. This change resolves outdated references to defunct appointing entities, provides legal clarity through a bond validation proceeding, and maintains the current appointment structure of four City appointments and five County appointments. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Adams. The motion carried by a vote of 6–0.

**RESOLUTION – R4AIR STREET SWEEPER**

City Engineer Gabe Menendez presented a resolution for the purchase of a new street sweeper. A motion was made by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Whaley. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF LEASE RENEWAL**

Gabe Menendez will also be on hand to discuss the lease on our city garbage trucks. The current garbage truck leases for our Sanitation Operation were for one year are due to expire at the end of the month. In August 2025 we entered discussions with a Sourcewell selected company, Ingram Equipment Company out of Pelham Alabama. Candance Bank out of Arkansas will be financing this 3-year lease of the garbage trucks. This is to lease five (5) trucks, (2 side loaders and 3 front loaders). A motion was made by Councilman Adams and seconded by Councilman Close. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

A Planning Commission recommendation was withdrawn by the applicant and required no action.

**CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE**

City Council was in receipt of one (1) alcohol beverage license application from applicant Farnessa Boldin, owner of Family Dollar Stores of Georgia, located at 303 S. Scott Street, has applied for a malt beverage retail and wine package retail license. A motion was made by Councilman Adams and seconded by Councilwoman Bench. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

**STREET CLOSURE REQUEST**

City Council was in receipt of a street closure request from the Mardi Gras Society of Southwest Georgia to close portions of Hatcher Road, Boat Basin Circle, Bruton Street, Water Street, Broughton Street and Broad Street on Tuesday, March 4th starting at 6:30 for a rolling street closure to hold a golf cart parade. A motion was made by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Adams. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

**ADJOURN**

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 7:38 P.M.

BY:   
SYLVIA WASHINGTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
RANDEE EUBANKS, COUNCIL CLERK